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Pursuant to Public Notice DA 05-3288, released December 22, 2005, the Wireline Competition Bureau hereby files the attached material related to SMS/800 Update 16.3 for inclusion in the record in CC Docket 01-92.

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CIC 0110 Routing Issue – Introduction

- Responsible Organizations (“Resp Orgs”) – the companies that use SMS/800 to assign toll-free numbers – are required to “[n]otify and obtain the acceptance of any LEC or IC to which traffic for a specified 800 number will be routed.”
- SMS/800 database already includes features to permit LECs and ICs to prevent unauthorized routing of interLATA toll-free traffic.
- It is technically possible, under the current version of SMS/800 database, for Resp Orgs to route intraLATA toll-free traffic using CIC 0110 without notifying or obtaining the acceptance of carriers to which calls are routed, in violation of tariff.
- ILECs and CLECs have complained that Resp Orgs are routing traffic to their networks without obtaining acceptance, leading to
 - loss of access revenues;
 - improper billing for access, query charges, CMDS processing charges, payphone compensation, reciprocal compensation;
 - unfair competitive advantage;
 - avoidance of USF obligations.
- Carriers have demanded a tool for better enforcement of the tariff requirement.

SMS/800 Feature Release 16.3

- New Release allows Carriers and Network Service Providers – *i.e.*, the entities carrying calls and performing the database queries – to record in SMS/800 database whether they will accept toll-free traffic routed by particular Resp Orgs or to particular numbers.
- Feature offers a tool for enforcement of tariff requirement that Resp Orgs notify and obtain carrier acceptance before routing toll-free traffic to the carrier.
- SMS/800 has no say in particular carriers' policies with regard to acceptance of toll-free traffic routed using CIC 0110.

Release 16.3 Provides Carriers Options

- A carrier can do nothing and continue to accept all intraLATA toll-free traffic routed using CIC 0110.
- A carrier can designate particular Resp Orgs that are permitted to route toll-free traffic over the carrier's network using CIC 0110 – presumably Resp Orgs with which the carrier has a business arrangement – or designate none.
- A carrier can designate particular terminating carriers to which toll-free traffic may be routed using CIC 0110 or designate none.
- A carrier can designate particular numbers to which no Resp Org can route toll-free traffic using CIC 0110.
- Routing of traffic using other CICs will not be affected.

Schedule for Implementation

- Phase I: Will allow carriers to prevent creation of new toll-free records or modification of existing records using CIC 0110 for routing unless carrier has accepted such traffic from the Resp Org.
- Phase I will be implemented on November 27, 2005.
- Phase II: Will apply carriers' designations to existing records in SMS/800 database.
- Phase II will be implemented on January 29, 2006.
- After Phase II implementation, calls to toll-free numbers that are routed to a carrier that does not accept the traffic will be routed to an announcement that the call cannot be completed.

Public Notification Efforts – Resp Orgs

- SMS/800 has previously announced implementation of Release 16.3 and provided a first set of reports to Resp Orgs – identifying potentially affected toll-free records – on September 6, 2005.
- SMS/800 will provide notification of the current implementation schedule, a second set of reports, and a schedule for training, on November 10, 2005.
- Training Classes are scheduled for 10 dates between November 10 and January 25.
- Additional notification will be provided to Resp Orgs throughout November.
- Additional reports will be sent to Resp Orgs identifying affected toll-free records in December and January before Phase II implements.

Public Notification Efforts – Carriers

- SMS/800 will publicize implementation of new feature in industry press and through contacts with industry organizations including USTA, NECA, NTCA, and OPASTCO.
- SMS/800 will provide training sessions for all interested carriers.
- Industry awareness of the issue is already widespread.
- SMS/800 Help Desk will assist carriers with entry of authorization information in SMS/800 database.



News Story for Release 16.3

The SMS/800® Management Team ("SMT") wishes to alert Responsible Organizations ("Resp Orgs"), local exchange carriers, and other network service providers of the forthcoming implementation of a new feature in SMS/800® Release 16.3. Under the tariff that governs the SMS/800® service, Resp Orgs are required to notify and to obtain the acceptance of any carrier to which traffic for a specific 800 number will be routed. SMS/800® already contains a feature that permits owners of Carrier Identification Codes ("CICs") to ensure that traffic is not routed over their network using their CIC without notification and acceptance. However, in the case of intraLATA toll-free numbers that are routed to POTS numbers, it is currently technically possible for a Resp Org to route traffic over a carrier's network without the carrier's notification or acceptance by using CIC 0110. The SMT has received complaints from a number of carriers that Resp Orgs have failed to abide by their obligations under the tariff and have used this routing method to evade payment of required compensation, including access charges, on intraLATA toll-free calls.

SMS/800® Release 16.3 will contain a new software feature enabling Carriers and Network Service Providers to prevent the use of CIC 0110 to route intraLATA toll free calls over their networks without notification and acceptance. The feature enables Carriers and Network Service Providers to designate the Resp Orgs (if any) that have obtained acceptance for routing of intraLATA toll-free traffic using CIC 0110. The feature will also permit Carriers to designate specific POTS Destination Numbers to which no Resp Orgs may route intraLATA toll free traffic using CIC 0110. The new software feature in Release 16.3 will facilitate the enforcement of the FCC#1 SMS/800 Functions Tariff. The implementation of Release 16.3 will not disrupt routing of any toll free numbers for which the appropriate acceptance of the carrier or carriers has been obtained.

A carrier's decision whether to employ this new feature is up to the carrier alone. If a carrier does not take action, intraLATA calls routed using CIC 0110 will continue to be routed as before. Different Carriers and Network Service Providers may have different policies regarding acceptance of traffic routed over their networks using CIC 0110. The SMT has no role in establishing the policies of individual Carriers and Network Service Providers. For more information about a Carrier or Network Service Provider's policies on acceptance of toll-free traffic and the use of CIC 0110, a Resp Org should contact that Carrier or Network Service Provider directly.

Carriers that intend to employ the new feature should complete an SMS-47 form, which is available on the SMS/800® Website, www.sms800.com.



Release 16.3 will be implemented in two phases, as described below.

Phase One

Phase One will address the creation of new toll free records and modifications to existing toll free records. After the implementation of Phase One, Resp Orgs will be unable to create new toll free records or to modify existing records, if the record would use CIC 0110, without acceptance, to route traffic using the Carrier's or Network Service Provider's network.

To facilitate Resp Orgs' and carriers' understanding of how to use the new feature in the SMS/800® database, the SMS/800® Help Desk will conduct training classes as noted on the schedules below. The Help Desk will send out a newsflash to all Resp Orgs with further details about the training classes. Details about the classes will also be available on the SMS/800® website. To further assist your transition to the new feature, the SMT has provided each Resp Org a report of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110, and it will provide updated reports as noted on the schedules below.



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November 27, 2005	Phase One Implementation



Phase Two

Phase Two will address existing toll free records. After the implementation of Phase Two, existing toll free records that employ CIC 0110, without acceptance, to route traffic to the Carrier's or Network Service Provider's network will be routed to Out of Band Announcement, and those toll free numbers will no longer function.

In preparation for Phase Two, the SMS/800® Help Desk will continue to conduct training classes on the use of the new feature as noted on the schedules below. The Help Desk will send out a newsflash to all Resp Orgs with further details about the training classes. Details about the classes will also be available on the SMS/800® website. In addition, as Phase Two implementation approaches, the SMT will provide each Resp Org updated reports of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110 as noted on the schedules below.

Schedule Of Events Leading To Phase Two Implementation	
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January 29, 2006	Phase Two Implementation

DRAFT – FIRST NOTIFICATION TO RESP ORGS

Date: November 10, 2005

Subject: Release 16.3 Implementation

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Please note that different Carriers and Network Service Providers may have different policies regarding acceptance of traffic routed over their networks using CIC 0110. The SMT has no role in establishing the policies of individual Carriers and Network Service Providers. For more information about a Carrier or Network Service Provider’s policies on acceptance of traffic, and the use of CIC 0110, please contact that Carrier or Network Service Provider directly.

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To facilitate Resp Orgs' and carriers' understanding of how to use the new feature in the SMS/800® database, the SMS/800® Help Desk will conduct training classes as noted on the schedules below. The Help Desk will send out a newsflash to all Resp Orgs with further details about the training classes. Details about the classes will also be available on the SMS/800® website. To further assist your transition to the new feature, the SMT has provided each Resp Org a report of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110, and it will provide updated reports as noted on the schedules below.

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In preparation for Phase Two, the SMS/800® Help Desk will continue to conduct training classes on the use of the new feature as noted on the schedules below. The Help Desk will send out a newsflash to all Resp Orgs with further details about the training classes. Details about the classes will also be available on the SMS/800® website. In addition, as Phase Two implementation approaches, the SMT will provide each Resp Org updated reports of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110 as noted on the schedules below.

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January 29, 2006	Phase Two Implementation

DRAFT – NOTICE WITH SECOND REPORT

Date: November 10, 2005

Subject: Resp Org CIC 0110 reports

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To identify customer records that may be affected by the Release 16.3 feature, an initial report was sent to you, on September 6, showing your intraLATA toll free records containing CIC 0110 and a POTS number in the routing information. The attached report is an updated version of that initial report. Additional reports will be provided to you before Phase Two implementation of Release 16.3. .

Please note that different Carriers and Network Service Providers may have different policies regarding acceptance of traffic routed over their networks using CIC 0110. The SMT has no role in establishing the policies of individual Carriers and Network Service Providers. For more information about a Carrier or Network Service Provider’s policies on acceptance of toll-free traffic and the use of CIC 0110, please contact that Carrier or Network Service Provider directly.

DRAFT – SECOND NOTIFICATION TO RESP ORGS

Date: November 15, 2005

Subject: Release 16.3 Implementation

The purpose of this Client Support Bulletin (CSB) is to remind you of the new feature scheduled for inclusion in SMS/800® Release 16.3 on November 27, 2005 and January 29, 2006. On November 10, the SMS/800® Help Desk sent you a CSB (insert #) describing the new feature and its implementation.

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January 29, 2006	Phase Two Implementation

DRAFT – THIRD NOTIFICATION TO RESP ORGS

Date: November 22, 2005

Subject: Release 16.3 Implementation

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November 27, 2005	Phase One Implementation

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In preparation for Phase Two, the SMS/800® Help Desk will continue to conduct training classes on the use of the new feature as noted on the schedules below. The Help Desk will send out a newsflash to all Resp Orgs with further details about the training classes. Details about the classes will also be available on the SMS/800® website. In addition, as Phase Two implementation approaches, the SMT will provide each Resp Org updated reports of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110 as noted on the schedules below.

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January 29, 2006	Phase Two Implementation

DRAFT – NOTICE WITH THIRD REPORT

Date: December 5, 2005

Subject: Resp Org CIC 0110 reports

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DRAFT – FOURTH NOTIFICATION TO RESP ORGS

Date: December 15, 2005

Subject: Release 16.3 Implementation

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Release 16.3 is being implemented in two phases. Phase One addressed the creation of new toll free records and modifications to existing toll free records. Now that Phase One has been implemented, Resp Orgs cannot create new toll free records or to modify existing records, if the record would use CIC 0110, without acceptance, to route traffic using the Carrier’s or Network Service Provider’s network. To assist your transition to the new feature, the SMS/800® Help Desk has conducted training classes, and the SMT has provided each Resp Org with reports of its own intraLATA toll free records that contain CIC 0110 (additional classes will be held and further reports will be distributed, as noted below). The implementation of Phase Two is described below.

Phase Two

Phase Two will address existing toll free records. After the implementation of Phase Two, existing toll free records that employ CIC 0110, without authorization, to route traffic to the Carrier's or Network Service Provider's network will be routed to Out of Band Announcement in the SMS/800® database, and those toll free numbers will no longer function.

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January 29, 2006	Phase Two Implementation

DRAFT – NOTICE WITH FOURTH REPORT

Date: January 9, 2006

Subject: Resp Org CIC 0110 reports

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